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Title: FILTER STRUCTURE INCLUDING CIRCUIT BOARD

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on January 8, 2004, as well as the art cited, has been reviewed. Claims 6, 7, 13-16, 40, 41, 45, 47-50 are now pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Satoh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,919).

Claims 1, 9, and 14-16 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pelkonen (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,231).

In order to expedite prosecution, claims 1 and 9 have been canceled.

Moreover, to expedite prosecution, claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 13. The Office Action indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features recited in the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted below, to expedite prosecution, claim 13 has been amended in such a manner. Claims 15 and 16 depend from claim 14.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6-7, 37, 40, and 41 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,919) in combination with Piloto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,382,931 and Newell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,406,236).

Claims 6-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pelkonen (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,231) in combination with Newell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,406,236).

In order to expedite prosecution, claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 13. As noted above, the Office Action indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features recited in the base claim any intervening claims. To expedite prosecution, claim 13 has been amended in such a manner. Claim 7 depends from claim 6.

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In order to expedite prosecution, claim 37 has been canceled.

Moreover, to expedite prosecution, claim 40 has been amended to depend from claim 45. The Office Action indicated that claim 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features recited in the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted below, to expedite prosecution, claim 45 has been amended in such a manner. Claim 41 depends from claim 40.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13, 45, and 47-50 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In order to expedite prosecution, claims 13, 45, 47, and 48 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6, 7, 13-16, 40, 41, 45, 47-50 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

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If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 332-4720.

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